Decline in Export of Tobacco

198. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of tobacoo is declining; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The exports of tobacco reached an all time high of 132.32 M. Kg,s during 1981-82 valued at Rs. 233.39 crores. The exports have since then been generally declining, though during 1989-90 the exports of tobacco rose to an estimated 73.69 M. Kgs. valued at Rs. 172.02 crores from 49.15 M. Kgs. valued at Rs. 116.65 crores during previous year. The demand for tobacco is generally going down due to anti smoking campaign the world over.

(b) Cash Compensatory Support @ 5% has been granted on export of VFC tobacco and cigarettes. Efforts are under way to identify and develop varieties having greater acceptability in overseas markets. Delegations are also being mounted to countries where there is potential for sale of Indian tobacco.

Women Judges in High Courts and Supreme Court

199. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of women judges in various High Courts and the Supreme Court;

(b) what is their percentage to the total number of judges; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to increase their strength?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) As on 30-4-1990, there was one woman judge out of 25 Judges in the Supreme Court of India. On the same date, there were 11 women Judges out of 377 Judges in the various High Courts of the country.

(c) The Chief Ministers of States and the Chief Justices of High Courts have been again requested to recommend woman lawyers and other persons from the Bar belonging to the weaker sections of society, who are suitable for appintment as High Court Judges, so that they may be provided representation on the Bench of High Courts.

SC/ST Judges in High Courts and Supreme Court

200. DR.. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe judges in various High Courts and the Supreme Court at present; and

(b) what is their percentage to the total number of judges?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) As on 30-4-1990, against the actual strength of 25 Judges, there were 2 Judges belonging to Scheduled Castes in the Supreme Court of India. On the same date, against the actual strength of 377 Judges/ Additional Judges, there were 9 Judges belonging to Scheduled Castes and 3 Judges belonging to Scheduled Tribes in various High Courts of the country.

आबिद हुसैन समिति की रिपोर्ट' का अध्ययन करने के लिए सचिवों की एक समिति का गठन

201. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा:

क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने कपड़ा नीति के संबंध में गठित की गई आबिद हुसैन समिति की रिपोर्ट का अध्ययन करने की लिए सचिवों की एक समिति गठित की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस समिति द्वारा सरकार को कब तक अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत किए जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा आबिद हुसैन समिति पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है?

वस्त्र मंत्री, साथ में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री शरद् यादव): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) समिति के टी० ए०/डी० ए० और आकस्मिक खर्च के रूप में लगभग 1.46 लाख रुपए की राशि खर्च की गई।

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा नागालैंड सरकार के बिलों और चैकों का भुगतान रोका जाना

202. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के निर्देशानुसार भारतीय स्टेट बैंक ने नागालैंड सरकार के बिलों और चैकों का भुगतान हाल ही में बंद कर दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) वे क्या कारण थे, जिनकी वजह से भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने ऐसा कदम उठाया था?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री अनिल शास्त्री): (क) से (ग) जी, हां। भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के निर्देश पर ओवरड्राफ्ट विनियमन योजना की शर्तों के अनुसार नागालैंड सरकार के खाते से 29-3-1990 में भुगतान करना बंद कर दिया गया था क्योंकि राज्य सरकार लगातार 7 से अधिक कार्य दिवसों तक ओवरड्राफ्ट में रही। तथापि, ओवरड्राफ्ट निपटाए जाने के बाद 4-4-1990 से भुगतान करना पुनः शुरू कर दिया गया था।

Visit of Indian Delegation to Nigeria and Senegal

203. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian delegation visited Nigeria and Senegal during March, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the names of the members of the delegation;

(c) whether the delegation had discussion on bilateral trade;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether the visit will bring any increase in trade activities of two countries with India; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) Two separate delegations visited Nigeria & Senegal in April, 1990.

(b) The composition of the Indian delegations to Nigeria & Senegal is given below :–

Nigeria: (1) Shri Arun Nehru, Minister of Commerce & Tourism.
(2) Smt. A. Ghose, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs.
(3) Shri Rakesh Mohan, PS to CM & T.

Senegal: (1) Shri Arun Nehru, CM&T.
(2) Shri Rakesh Mohan, PS to CM & T.
(3) Shri K.V. Iniraya, JS, M/ Commerce.
(4) Shri K.C. Singh, Director, (Africa), Ministry of External Affairs.

(c) Bilateral trade matters were discussed in Senegal only.

(d) to (f) In Senegal, the Indian delegation reviewed bilateral trade and impressed upon the Senegal side to increase import from India to rectify the trade imbalance. Among other measures,